

Dear Honorable Members of the Select Committee on Children: Thank you for supporting HB 12-5184: An Act Concerning Dissection Choice. As a student at Manchester Community College in the 1990's, I was completing required pre-requisite courses to enter nursing school at Capital Community College, including biology courses. I was completely aghast that the biology lab required animal dissection to pass the course. Although I knew my nursing future was at stake, I did petition the school and after much legwork and effort, was able to convince them to offer me an alternative to the dissection. Many students today are vegetarians and are morally opposed to dissection; it has been proven that computer models are superior to animal dissection. Students shouldn't have to go through what I did on my own to fight the dissection requirement. It makes sense to be compassionate towards animals, too. Thank you, Sally Westcott RN 298 Castlewood Dr. Bloomfield, Ct. 06002